



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 98

January Session, 2011

* ____SB00098GL____040711____ *

AN ACT PROHIBITING SPOOFING AND CRAMMING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "telephone" means any device used by a person for voice
3 communications in connection with the services of a telephone
4 company, whether such voice communications are transmitted in
5 analog, data or any other form, and "telephone company" means any
6 company that provides commercial telephone services, irrespective of
7 the communications technology used to provide such service,
8 including, but not limited to, traditional wireline or cable telephone
9 service, cellular, broadband PCS or other wireless telephone service,
10 microwave, satellite or other terrestrial telephone service and voice
11 over Internet telephone service.

12 (b) No person shall use any device to change the name or telephone
13 number on a caller identification display on the telephone that such
14 person is calling with the intent to defraud or cause harm to another.
15 This subsection shall not prohibit (1) any shelter facility for victims of
16 domestic violence from using such a device, or (2) any person from
17 using a call blocking service provided by such person's telephone
18 company.

19 (c) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an
20 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-

21 110b of the general statutes.

22 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) No telecommunications
23 company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, shall charge
24 a customer for any telecommunications service without the
25 authorization of the customer to receive and be charged for such
26 service.

27 (b) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed an
28 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-
29 110b of the general statutes.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2011</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2011</i> | New section |

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*

GL *Joint Favorable*